

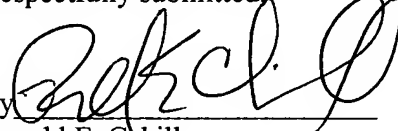
REMARKS

Applicants request entry of the amendments made above before examination of the present application.

Applicants submit that each of claims 1 to 27 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request a notice of allowance for these claims. Applicants further request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicants in the event that such communication might expedite prosecution of this matter.

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